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1. A meeting held in Rostock in mid-February 1951 was attended by the managers of the harbor communities, the manager of DLRWA and the head of the VEB Handelszentrale Schrott. Statements regarding the harbor of Wisner indicated that the building expenses for 1951 would amount to 2.8 million DM-East. A loading plant and a gantry crane were being erected. Expansion of the quay wall at the potash harbor was planned and the harbor basin will be dredged to 8 meters by 15 November 1951. Dredging operations in the coal harbor will begin late in March. A potash shed 100 meters long, 20 meters wide and 20 meters high with a capacity of 20,000 tons, was under construction behind the potash dumping installation. It was planned to complete it by 1 August 1951. *

2. The DLRWA manager told the meeting that the first Red-Chinese ship with a cargo of 6,500 tons of soybeans is due in Wisner in late March.

3. The Soviet harbor Komandatura is housed in the former administration building of Seegrenzschlachthof (abattoir). Forty sailors of the Soviet Navy, a naval radio station and the storeroom for Soviet control vessel 11574 also are in this building.

4. The coal storage dump west of the new potash dumping installation has been guarded by a double sentry of the Soviet Navy since January 1951.

5. A Soviet naval signal-station is on the so-called Haffeld-Grasberg. The station was erected on a former German AA observation tower.

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7. The harbor of Wisner has three tugs Neue, Habicht and Walfinch.

* Comments: The dredging operations for 1951 are only residual work, as the major part of the harbor had been dredged to 8 meters by 1950. 50X1-HUM

** Comments: It is assumed that the decrease in shipping traffic is of a seasonal nature. 50X1-HUM

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